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For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING A  
BRANCHING ENZYME FROM BACTERIA  
OF THE GENUS NEISSERIA AS WELL AS  
METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF  
ALPHA-1,6-BRANCHED ALPHA-1,4-  
GLUCANS

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2007, the period for response having been extended by two (2) months to March 10, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.:

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